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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

FROM: Clair E. George
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Draft Department of Justice Bill Prohibiting
Payment of Annuities to Federal Employees
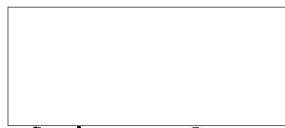Convicted of Certain Felonies

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Director, Office of Legislative
Liaison from Director of Personnel, dated
19 January 1984, Same Subject

Bob,

1. We have received and reviewed your comments contained in the referenced memorandum. Although we appreciate the fact that the Department of Justice (DOJ) bill would provide sanctions beyond those imposed upon the private sector, we feel that the focused nature of the DOJ proposal limits the objection you raise. We ought not take a position that could be publicly construed as protection for CIA employees convicted of serious felonies related to their employment. Consequently, although we will not affirmatively endorse the DOJ proposal, neither will we object to it.

2. I agree with your suggestion that decisions regarding CIARDS pensions should rest with the Director of Central Intelligence and will register this objection with the Office of Management and Budget. While retention of administrative control over CIARDS is defensible both historically and logically, I do not believe that, in the context of this proposed legislation, we should try to retain such administrative control over our Civil Service employees. CIA employees who retire under the Civil Service Retirement System have historically come under the administrative control of the Office of Personnel Management. Until all CIA employees are under a totally segregated retirement system, we believe it would be unwise to seek separate treatment for Agency employees convicted of felonies who are covered by Civil Service retirement.

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